

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you in the State Capitol during the 2009 Legislative Session and to continue to be of service to the Town of Hamden.

Given the economic challenges we now face, I've worked hard with my colleagues to identify ways in which we can provide relief to Hamden taxpayers and protect consumers and potential home buyers. Legislation giving municipalities the option to delay revaluations, for example, would assist both the Town of Hamden and residential property owners.

Because the arts play such a vital role in enriching the Hamden community, I am very pleased to report that—despite the economic downturn—arts funding has remained strong.

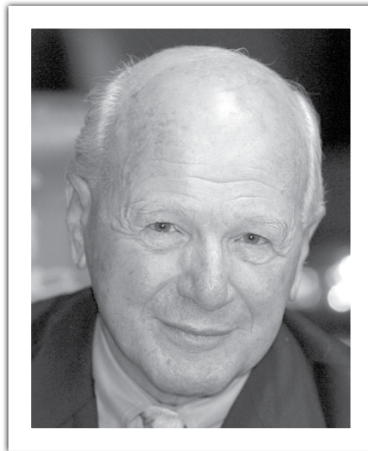
I hope that you will take a moment to review the information presented in this newsletter. As always, I appreciate learning your views on matters before the General Assembly. Please feel free to contact me at **Crisco@senatedems.ct.gov** or by phone at **1-800-842-1420**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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State Senator Joe Crisco's Legislative Update



Making Mortgage Fraud a Felony

As Vice-Chairman of the Banks Committee, I worked for legislation that would protect individuals and families from unscrupulous lenders by establishing a new crime of residential mortgage fraud. If convicted on a single count of mortgage fraud, a person would be fined up to \$5,000 or up to 5 years in prison, or both; if convicted of two or more counts, up to \$10,000 or 10 years in prison, or both.

Revaluation Delay: Good News for Hamden Homeowners

Under legislation passed by the Senate, Hamden would have the option of delaying revaluation until at least 2011. The delay means the town would save on the costs of conducting a revaluation, and homeowners would not incur an increase in property taxes resulting from a revaluation phase-in.

Breast Cancer Early Detection

As Co-Chairman of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, I fought successfully for passage of a bill requiring mammography reports to include information about breast density for the early detection of breast cancer. The bill awaits the governor's signature.

Help for Connecticut's Car Dealerships

Because some dealerships in Connecticut will be forced to close and others may close voluntarily, I worked with my colleagues to pass legislation that redefines franchise agreements between auto makers and dealerships. The bill addresses fair and reasonable compensation, warranty agreements and labor costs. The bill also expands the requirements of manufacturers to buy back new car inventory when a franchise agreement is terminated or not renewed.

STATE GRANTS:

Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

- \$200,000** Historic Fund Restoration Grant for Memorial Town Hall Renovation
- \$24,000** Historic Restoration Fund Grant
- \$7,607** Eli Whitney Museum
- \$4,874** Total Arts Presentation Grants to: Bear Path School PTA, Ridge Hill Elementary, Spring Glen PTA, St. Rita School, West Woods PTO
- \$43,595** Young Audiences of Connecticut, Inc.
- \$5,760** Hamden Arts Commission

Special Hamden Funding

I was pleased to secure additional state funding for the arts.

- \$20,000** Hamden Arts Commission